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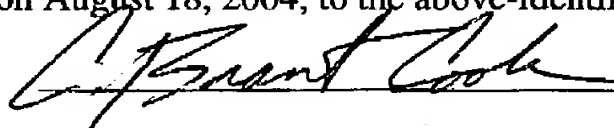
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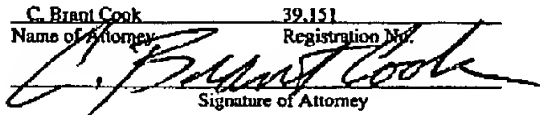
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AMENDMENT AFTER 1ST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111(c)

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicants hereby request
reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks herein.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.